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Student awarded army Bronze Star

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WSU alumnus 1LT Shawn-Keo Phillips has been awarded the army Bronze Star for his service in Iraq.

According to the American Division Veterans Association, it is awarded for "heroic or meritorious achievement or service not involving participation in aerial flight, in connection with military operations against an armed enemy."

"I am very appreciative and proud of the award, but I think my experiences and what I've learned here are easily more important than the award," Phillips said. "My experiences here have not only trained me about army tactics and procedure, but also about life in general. I see a little bit of myself in many of my younger guys within my platoon."

Phillips is currently stationed near Mosul. He has been in Iraq since last December and expects to be there for at

least another month and a half as a transportation platoon leader.

"I had the chance to actually get out and be involved with so many things that you hear about in the news. (While during) the January elections or the big build up out on the Western Iraq border, my platoon was involved with escorting third country national trucks from base to base and hauling sustainment loads."

While at Wright State, Phillips participated in the Army ROTC program and he is currently a member of the Wright State University Army ROTC Alumni Association.

"I learned from my friends, my urban affairs/criminal justice program and many of my professors (at WSU)," said Phillips. "I still keep in contact every now and then with some of the professors at WSU. I really feel like they had a huge impact on my leadership and decision-making skills that I have today," Phillips added.



Shawn-Keo Phillips (right) with his commanding officer attended an awards ceremony in which Bronze Stars were given out in Mosul, Iraq. Phillips was a recipient.

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Commuters face sky-high gas prices

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As news of the devastation in the wake of Hurricane Katrina continues to pour in, across the nation citizens feel the pain of those in the eye of the storm not only in their hearts, but in their pockets.

With Wright State students returning to school for the fall, 86% of whom are commuters according to the Commuter Students Association website, the rising gas prices can easily put a hurt in one's pocket.

Seemingly to no end the prices continue to rise. The recent average price of \$3.09 for regular unleaded is nearly twice the price of \$1.71 a year ago, according to the AAA website.

Jackie Eschen, president of the Commuter Students Association (CSA) said, "it is unfortunate (about gas prices) but there is nothing we can do unless the entire nation boycotts gas, which will not happen."

With no control over the prices, students can resort to getting the most out of the gas they pay for by carpooling

said Eschen.

There are other ways to conserve fuel as well. "I make sure I actually get out of my car instead of using the drive-thru at fast-food restaurants," said psychology student Angelica Clark.

In a September 1 speech, President George W. Bush said, "we view this (fuel problem) as a temporary disruption that is being addressed by the government and the private sector." He has spoken with major oil companies about how to alleviate this problem and temporarily waived some importing requirements to open up our country to foreign oil.

Bush also asked Americans to conserve gasoline, one of our most important resources. "Americans should be prudent in their use of energy during the course of the next few weeks. Don't buy gas if you don't need it."

Students can receive information on starting a carpool, and for listings by visiting the CSA website <http://www.wright.edu/students/studsupport/commuter.html>.

Carpool Considerations

- Carpool, Carpool, Carpool
- Leave enough time to get to class without speeding, faster you go, more wind resistance and more gas used
- Eliminate jack-rabbit starts, always start smoothly from a complete stop
- keep car in good shape, tune-ups and properly inflated tires save gas
- Limit use of the air conditioner whenever possible
- Carpool, Carpool, Carpool

Kyle Akers / The Guardian



Students draw on a sign board for a Welcome Week activity. Welcome Week events will also be taking place today until 5pm all over campus.

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7/31/05- Officers responded to a call of underage consumption in College Park. No citations were given, however one young man was taken to Miami Valley Hospital.

8/4/05- Police were called when a tip was offered that a driver was weaving down Colonel Glenn. Officers later found the driver had been under the influence, had a bag of marijuana and was improperly handling a weapon.

8/9/05- The same driver listed above was stopped again for driving under a suspended license. No citations were given because the passenger was a valid Ohio licensed driver.

8/8/05- Police were called to

investigate what appeared to be a noise complaint. Police later identified that two young men were in fact, using a chain saw to cut down trees that were part of the biology preserve. They were asked to leave and banned from campus.

Bookstore staff at WSU received a tip that a young woman was selling back stolen books. She tried to do so at WSU, but was able to leave before she was caught. The case is still under investigation.

8/19/05- A young man asked WSU police if he was still in the system for criminally trespassing. Police found he was still in the system and wanted in Moraine as well. Suspect was arrested and turned in to Moraine police.

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Student Union undergoes extreme make-over



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Chris Hale nails carpet down in the lounge of Rike Hall.

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The student union is in the process of being revamped and improved. "There are about 100,000 visitors to the Student Union every year and every one will be benefited by the renovation project," said Bill Shepard, executive director of the Student Union.

"Students will be benefited by having extra recreation," said Shepard. The fitness center will be expanded to 9,500 square feet as compared to current 6,000 square foot area.

The Student Union will have four extra studios for various activities including aerobics and club sports.

Extra space will be provided for locker rooms and swim lockers which will avoid people walking in the hallway after they swim.

There will be a recreation commons across from the atrium including billiards boards and table tennis boards. There will also be a new climbing wall.

To promote student wellness, health services, the Office of Counseling and Wellness Services and the pharmacy will be moved to Student Union.

Student activity spaces and organizations including Student Government, The Union Activities Board, The Black Student Union, Rainbow Alliance, Residents Common Association, commuter lounge, The Guardian, Nexus, the radio station WWSU, Student Activities, Student Judicial Services, Greek Services, and Disability Services will be moved to new places for most of the year. These organizations have

already moved into their temporary spaces to avoid problems of moving during the academic year said Shepard.

In the middle of September, Wright Patt Credit Union will be moved next to the new location of the Wright Copy, which is next to the bookstore.

Shepard said that the project will be worked in two phases.

Phase One is starting this fall and will be completed by end of spring 2006. This includes the new fitness center, new locker rooms, student media offices, Judicial Affairs office, Student Activities, and Disability Services.

Phase Two will start summer 2006 and will be completed by spring 2007. This involves the renovation of the atrium, the commons, Student Health Services, and the pharmacy.

Some of the parking have also changed due to the renovations. Lot 6 is now student parking, lots 7 and 10 are for student, faculty and staff, lot 8 is a gated faculty/staff parking and lot 9 is now new visitor parking.

Renovation Goals

- *To increase recreation space of the student union
- *To increase student activity spaces and renovate student functional spaces
- *To promote student wellness

Office Locations During Renovations

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Student Judicial and Greek Services	131 Allyn Hall
Nexus	E104 Student Union
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Help Katrina victims

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It is easy to sympathize and want to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina for those who have seen the pictures of devastation and heard the stories of disaster. Wright State students can do just that through a number of organizations on campus and throughout Dayton whom are accepting donations.

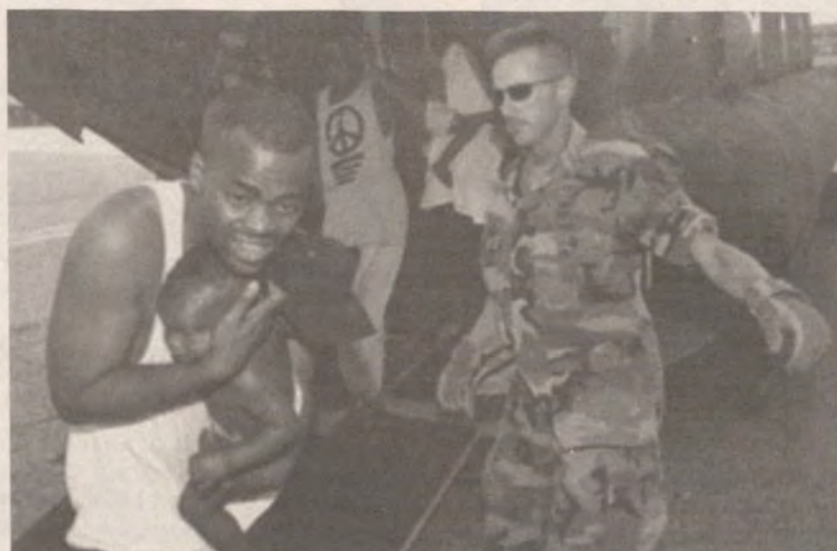
The Red Cross

The Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund is asking for monetary donations, so anything from spare change to a few dollars will be appreciated. A box has been set up at the front desk in 180 University Hall, and students may donate through Friday, Sept. 9. The Red Cross accepts financial donations through its Web site at redcross.org Phone: 800-HELP NOW (435-7669)

Wright Patt Credit Union

Another way to help is through Wright-Patt Credit Union. "WPCU is a well-established financial institution in our Miami Valley community and all donations to the Hurricane Katrina Fund will be collected in a secure place," said Cheri Breed, Business Development Assistant of WPCU. "All money raised will be given to the American Red Cross, Dayton Area Chapter, for the immediate and longer-term needs of victims, their families and the communities affected by the hurricane."

Wright-Patt has partnered WHIO-TV channel 7 to set up the Katrina Hurricane relief fund to raise money for the



An Army National Guardsman directs Hurricane Katrina victims as they exit a helicopter during the relief efforts in New Orleans

Red Cross. Donations are accepted at any of the 16 branches of the credit union. The Wright-Patt Credit Union in the student union, lower level E084, accepts donations during their office hours 8:30 to 4:30 Monday through Friday.

The corporate branch across from Wright State is accepting donations during their normal business hours, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. The fund will continue as long as donations continue.

McDonald's

All the 75 local McDonald's restaurants are also collecting donations.

One hundred percent of the money normally collected for the Ronald McDonald's House Charities is being sent to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

To donate, simply stop at a McDonald's location and drop your change

into the "Ronald McDonald's House" canisters at the service counter of the restaurant.

NAACP

The NAACP is collecting The NAACP is collecting non-perishables and personal hygiene items for hurricane victims. These include items bottled water, canned goods, paper products, blankets and cash. The groups ask that you please bring those items and more to the office at 1528 W. Third St., from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Foodbank

The Foodbank has a 24-foot truck that will collect food, water and other supplies to take to Baton Rouge, La.

Other Agencies

Other agencies offering relief include the Salvation Army, 800-SAL-ARMY (725-2769); Operation Blessing, 800-436-6348 and most area churches.

Raj Soin COB offers certification course

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The human resources field is constantly changing. Dealing with issues such as labor relations, compensation, benefits and health and safety concerns can be a challenge to busy professionals.

The Raj Soin College of Business can help with its Human Resource Management National Certification Preparation Course.

"The workshop is designed to prepare human resource professionals or human resource students to sit for the Professional in Human Resources/Senior Professional in Human Resources (PHR/SPHR) exam," said Christie Spreng, college of business graduate assistant.

Certification is important because it provides national recognition of professional achievement, an aid for career advancement and a visual reminder of professional status.

According to the website, participants "will be able to network with other human resource professionals, earn continuing professional education credits, and receive a certification of completion."

This cost-effective program offers formal human resource training that many human resource professionals have not received through their employment or education."

Participants will receive assistance in preparing for the PHR or SPHR exams from Dayton area SPHR professionals and an excellent overview of the human resource field.

"It is also a great networking opportunity for human resource professionals and students," said Spreng.

Several topics will be covered including strategic management, workforce planning and employment, human resource development, compensation and benefits, employee and labor relations, and occupational health, safety, and security.

Monica Snow, director of business and international programs, said the course not only prepares class participants to take the test, but also helps participants stay current in the ever changing field of HR and gain in-depth knowledge in core areas of human resource management.

The course is approved by the Society for Human Resource Management and is targeted to professionals and entry-level human resource employees seeking to advance their careers and knowledge of human resources.

Visit the web site <http://www.wright.edu/business/docp/phr/> for additional information. Monday, Sept. 12, is the registration deadline for the sessions, planned for seven Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., starting on Sept. 24 and concluding on Nov. 12.

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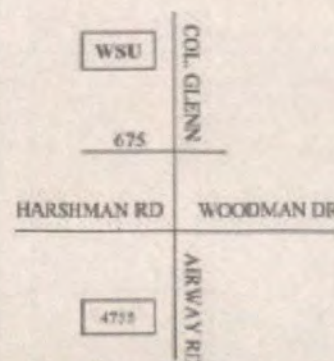
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Help available for new students on campus

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Another quarter is under way at Wright State, an exciting time for new and returning students alike. For many of the freshman, fall quarter also brings the uncertainty that comes with new experiences. Common concerns include finding employment, succeeding in classes, and finding ways to get involved on campus. Wright State offers many resources and opportunities to help students adjust to college life.

Student Government Residential Senator Brad Turner offers some advice for freshman wishing to get involved on campus. He said students should "think about their strengths and what they have to offer," then consider the Wright State website as a starting ground. "Talking to people at Do the U, Fall Fest and Homecoming about how you can get involved can turn walls into pathways. If someone looks official, just ask 'how can I participate in future events like this?'" Turner sug-

gests students join organizations according to their interests and "don't just stick your toes in...DIVE IN and make a splash!" Most of all, Turner says to have fun.

When it comes to academic success, sometimes the best place to start is one of the most obvious- the library. Wright State's Paul Lawrence Dunbar Library contains a variety of tools to aid in student success. Through the OhioLink program students have access to over 44.5 million items at eighty-five institutions across the state of Ohio. New for fall quarter, the library will also feature a renovated study area.

Among the other study tools students may find useful is the University Writing Center, located in the tunnels at 031 Library. The center offers free writing help to students through trained peer consultants. Another popular resource is the tutoring office, located in 040 Rike Hall. Tutors are available for most courses offered at WSU, and freshmen are eligible for one hour of free help per week per course.

Students looking for a job will find career services a good starting place. Career services maintain an updated list of campus job openings, both work study and non-work study. Also check their website <http://career.wright.edu/> for online listings.

Junior Community Advisor Trista

Tustin suggests that students take advantage of Counseling and Wellness services (located in the Frederick A. White Health Center), Campus Recreation, academic advisors and the student software discounts offered through CaTS (located in 025 Library Annex).



Associated Press

School of medicine receives \$28.5 Boonshoft donation

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Recently the Wright State University's School of Medicine was given a new name and a very generous transformational gift.

Oscar Boonshoft and his family donated \$28.5 million to the Medical School warranting the name change to the Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine.

Boonshoft is a member of Wright State's Foundation Board of Trustees and a longtime supporter of science and medicine.

"Oscar Boonshoft cares deeply about the community and wants to make sure young people have good opportunities in education to develop top-notch healthcare professionals," said Judi Engle, director of public relations at the school of medicine.

Some fraction of the money is set aside for the renovation of the Fred White Center to better accommodate

instruction for students.

The renovation includes an 18,000 square foot addition which will house a 150 seat lecture hall and a new anatomy lab.

Other uses of the money include scholarships for the medical students, much needed considering many students graduate with over \$100,000 worth of debt.

Also being developed with the money, the department of geriatrics will undergo many improvements. Geriatrics deals with the elderly. Boonshoft and the Wright State Medical School are concerned with the amount of qualified professionals available to care for these types of patients in the coming years.

Also, with the extra money the School of Medicine will gain more prestige bringing more popularity to the entire college.

With only about 125 medical schools in the United States, Wright State is poised to become one of the top.

Freshmen Survival Tips

Don't overload a full-time class schedule with a part-time job right away

Safety in numbers - walking on campus, going to parties, meeting dates

Commuters should join clubs to stay connected to campus make a friend in each class in case you need to borrow notes

Take a multi-vitamin to prevent illness

Don't pull all-nighters! studies show that sleep is more important than cramming

On the go? eat healthy snacks such as yogurt, fruit, or granola bars instead of raiding the vending machines

Adults need 7-8 hours of sleep per night to function adequately during the day



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Students movin' in for fall '05

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First Weekend at Wright State is always a hectic time. Thanks to all the careful planning and organization things ran fairly smoothly.

"It was designed to help first year students get off to a smooth start," said Dan Bertso, director of residence services.

Bertos said nearly 500 volunteers, including the provost and university vice president, upper-class students and many faculty and staff helped get new students moved from their cars into their rooms using golf carts, hand trucks and strong backs.

Jessica Nickerson, a classics major and transfer student, was impressed by Wright State's use of volunteers as well as utilization of the shopping carts and golf carts. "At my last school you had to do it yourself,"

said Nickerson.

"This went a lot faster than I expected," said one parent.

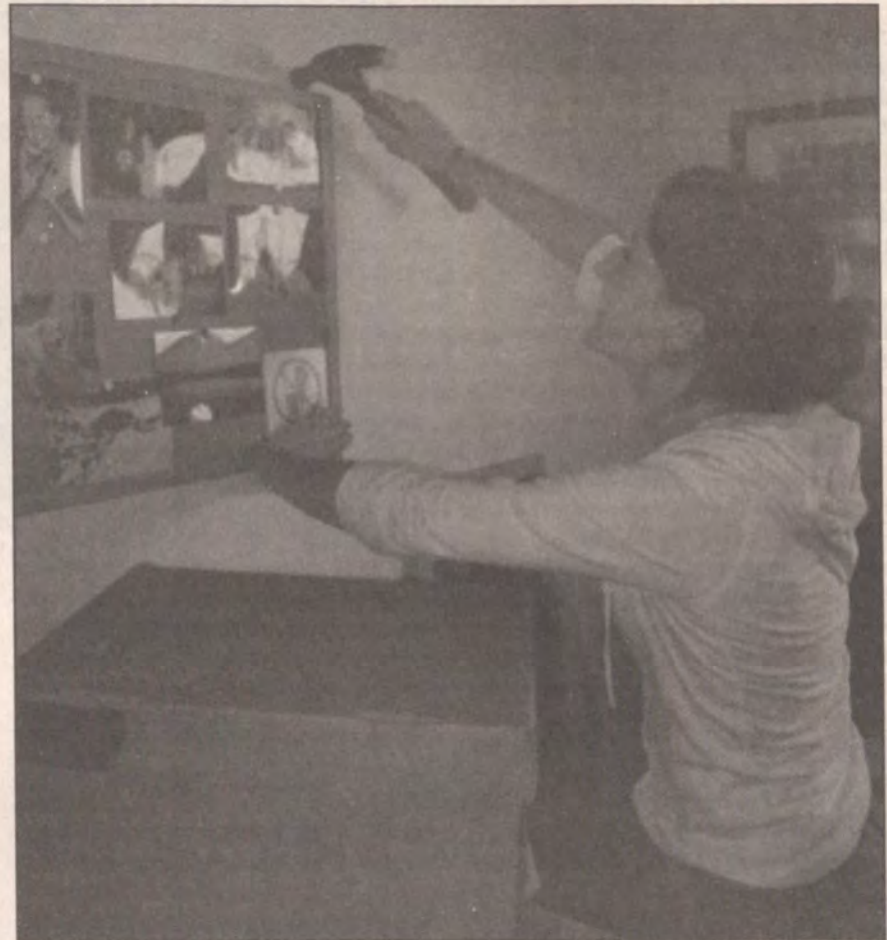
The general mood on campus did seem to be one of optimism. "The helpers were fabulous," said sophomore community advisor Elaine Schaaf.

Move-In activities were similar to previous years, with a few allowances for the Phase V construction changes.

Lot 11, between Millett Hall, was used for the first time to make up for the spaces lost in Lot 7, said Bertso.

Additionally, security workers helped to ensure golf carts crossing the new road to get to the Woods could do so safely.

Most students are already moved in to their dorm rooms for the fall, however those moving into apartments surrounding the campus are expected to trickle in as the week progresses said Bertso.



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Jackie Ellis unpacks and readys her apartment during Move In Day at WSU.

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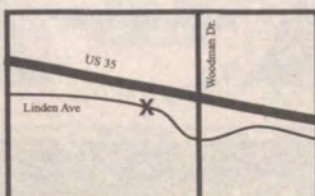
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Security heightened after gunshots

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After gunshots were fired in College Park last February, Police Chief Simone Polk said Wright State police have stepped up security and is still looking for information leading to the shooter.

The gunshots were fired late at night on February 26 in College Park. No one was injured; however, there was minor damage to one of the buildings.

"As a result of our thorough investigation of the shooting this past spring, we implemented some safety and security measures to ensure the safety of our community residents," said Polk.

The security measures taken include "enhancing police patrols and supporting those patrols with patrols from a security staff from Ohio Entertainment." The goal of the extra security she said was to be able to find suspicious activity and respond quickly to situations needing police.

Polk said she advises students to be aware of their surroundings and report suspicious activity to the Wright State police by dialing either 911 from any campus phone or 775-2111 from any cell phone.

Other safety tips include walking in

groups, walking in well lit areas and behaving well on campus.

Another piece of safety advice Polk offers young students is to keep in touch with parents. Polk said sometimes new students whom are met with new freedoms can neglect parents, leaving them worried.

Dan Bertso, director of resident services said community advisors will have more responsibilities and will use what he calls Management by Walking Around (MBWA).

Bertos said, "community advisors are making rounds to keep folks safe, not looking for trouble."

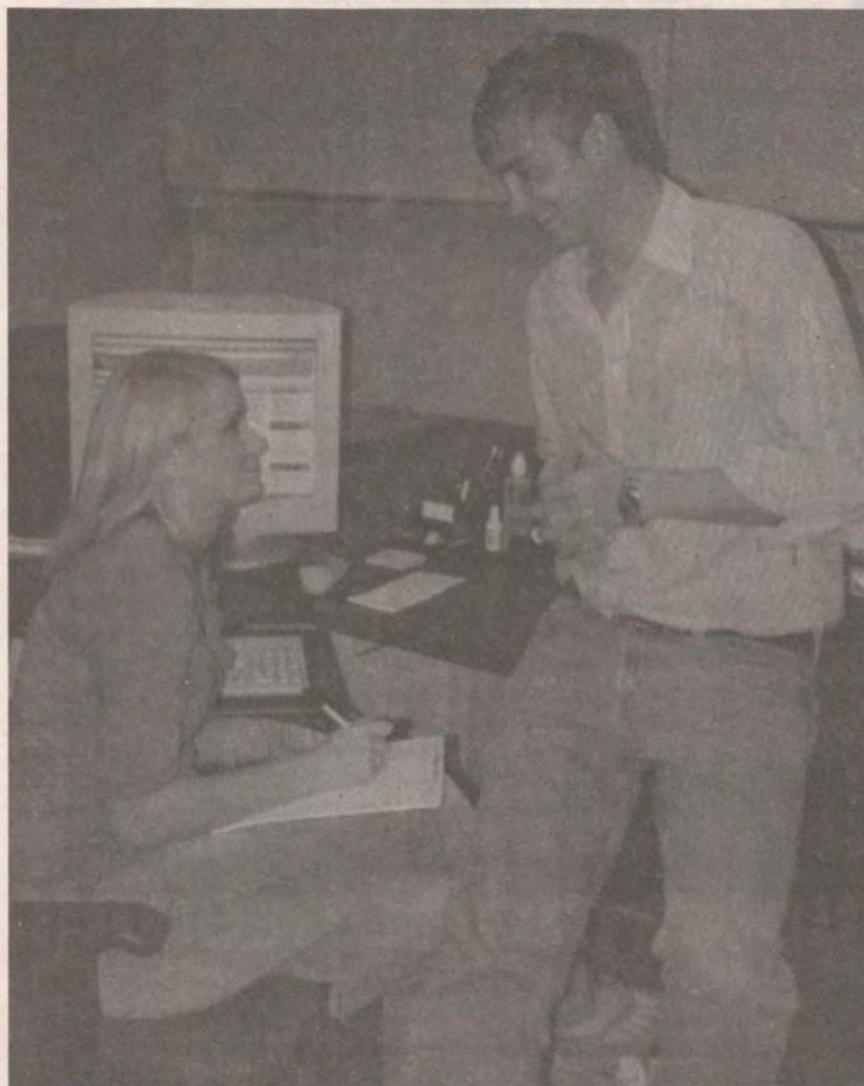
Bertos offered several safety tips. He said if students choose to drink, they need to make sure they know what they drink. He also advised to be careful with strangers at parties.

Police are still trying to find the shooter that set much of this heightened safety concern in motion. If anyone has any information regarding the gunshots on February 26, there are two ways to contact police. A student can call the Wright State police and meet with an officer to fill out a witness report, or file a silent witness report at www.wright.edu/admin/safety and remain anonymous.

Safety Tips for Students

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *Walk in well lit areas | *Report suspicious activities |
| *Walk in groups | *Keep in touch with parents |
| *Be aware of surroundings | *Be careful with alcohol |

Student Government plans for upcoming year



Vice President Molly McGraw and President James Borchers discuss plans for Student Government this year.

■ Borchers and McGraw plan new approach to reach student populace

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New projects are currently in the works to help make students' lives easier and better. One such project manned by student government (SG) is an online course rating and online professor rating system, one which can be accessed by all students to better gauge teaching styles said student government president James Borchers.

The director of web communication is working with the leaders of student government to make this dream a reality for students by the end of fall quarter said Borchers.

Borchers also said that they are planning to form off-campus residents association and select commuters to represent people living off-campus. He said they are planning to arrange shuttles for students staying off-campus.

Another goal of student government for this year is to involve students in all events on campus by using the SG as a communication hub.

Molly McGraw, the vice president, said that SG is planning to introduce a program every week to help keep students informed about the projects SG is working on. "It would produce a functioning campus life where students actually know what's going on," said McGraw.

This would also help SG in getting good feedback from the students.

McGraw said student government is also planning to work more with other student organizations like Residents Common Association, Union Activities Board, Black Student Union and the Sports Club Council among others.

McGraw said she hopes these efforts will help keep students aware of campus events and involved in WSU life.

Student Government is currently working on "freshmen communication," which is happening in this first week of classes. SG will have a meeting with all the student organizations in order to plan for the upcoming events including Fall Fest and Do the U: Aloha.

Borchers said he plans to propose the idea of redeeming the fine of a first ticket for students by immediate purchase of a parking lot pass.

Borchers said he also supports the idea of off-campus usage of the Wright1 card.

Kelsey Bender / The Guardian

Student Government goals for this year include:

- To improve the communication between students and S.G., by introducing 'Get your juices flowing.' This is planned to happen once in every quarter.
- To encourage the students to come out with their ideas and opinions, by introducing 'Speak Up'. This will be arranged once in a month.
- To reduce the students risk of drinking and driving by introducing 'Designated driver program'
- To improve good relations between faculty and staff.
- To unite student organizations through monthly and quarterly meetings.
- To look into the problems of students and help them.

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Editorial

Thanks a Lot

We never thought it would happen. When Wright State closed the majority of the roadways surrounding campus in preparation for the revamp project of the parking lots, it seemed like a nightmare. But that nightmare has quickly turned into a pleasant and very solid reality.

Students watched as the paved spaces were ripped apart into oblivion. What had taken years to get used to and navigate was destroyed faster than you could say, "I hate parking."

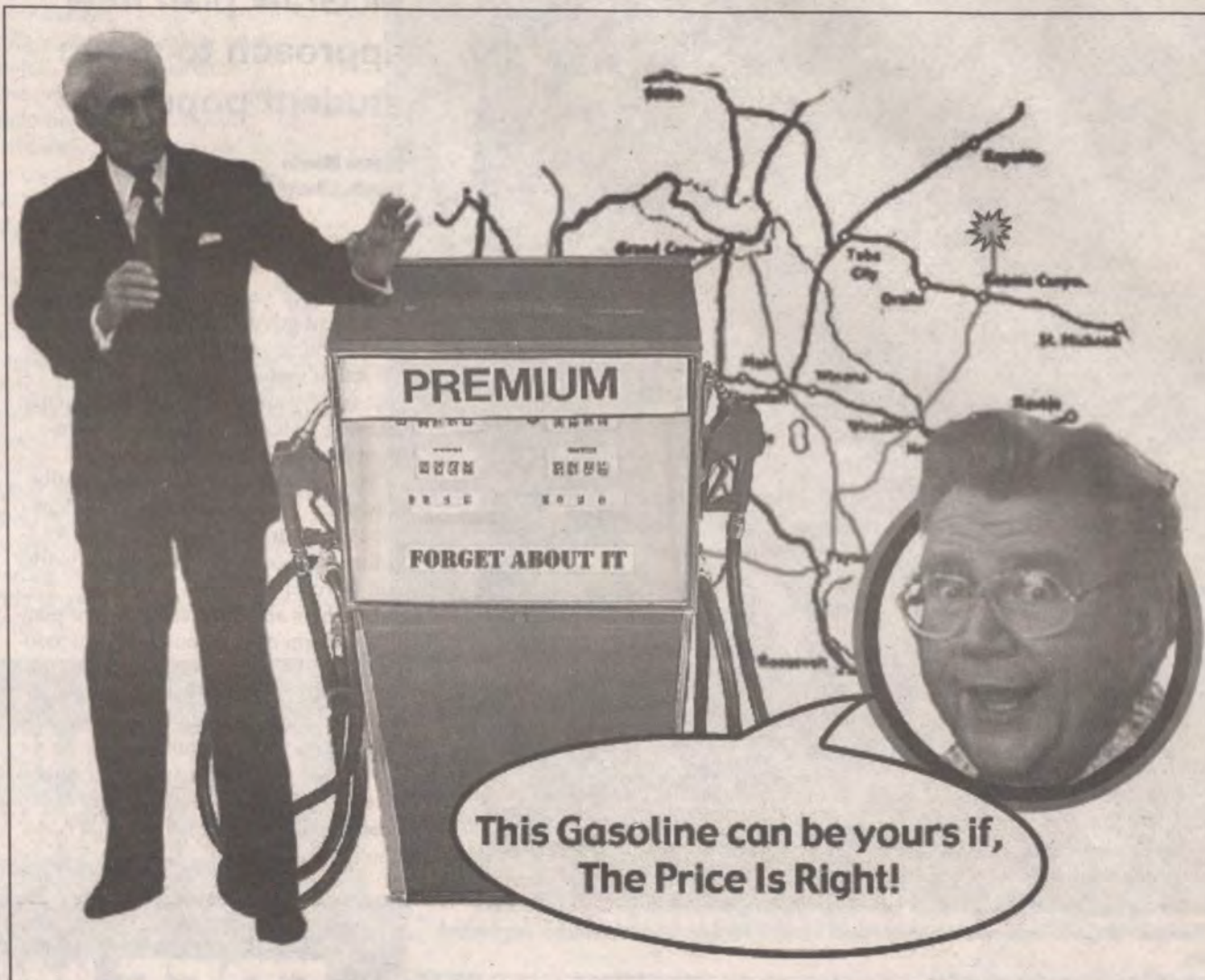
Many spaces were taken away and faculty and students alike were forced to park in other areas, some which they had perhaps never driven in before. If students thought it was hard to find a space Spring Quarter, they were given a very unpleasant surprise for summer.

It seemed to take forever for the construction crews to tear away the old parking lots and smooth out the mess. People were taking bets on how soon it would be done. As August rolled around, the lots were still not finished.

But somehow, somehow, Wright State delivered. Like a blessing, suddenly the lots were paved and lined, pathways constructed, signs put up.

And what a pleasant surprise it was. The new roadways are easy to navigate, with safe crossing points for students. The whole setup is much more simple to drive and walk through. And the best part, they did it on time. Now if WSU could only add even more student parking...

We take off our hats to you WSU. You had us going for a while with the mess you made. Thank you for the new parking lots, and good job.



Kyle Akers / The Guardian

There IS no place like home

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I can't even count the number of times I have thought to myself that I wished I lived anywhere but here in Dayton. Most often these thoughts occur when I am shoveling three feet of snow from my driveway or am bored on the weekend and there literally is nothing to do. Still, I found myself wistfully thinking the opposite after my recent trip to Washington D.C. with some of The Guardian staff.

The excitement of going to the Associated Collegiate Press conference in D.C. almost made up for all the things that make me glad I don't live in our nation's capital. Almost.

There were four important things I learned there that have nothing to do with journalism but everything to do with life:

1. Don't trust bellhops or taxi drivers

Their basic goal during your stay is to rip you off in every way possible. Bellhops want you to take cabs so they can get their kick back from the drivers and the drivers just want to take your money. Luckily, I was immune to this

particular scam. Too bad I wasn't ready for the next.

2. Water is not always free

Those of us who are used to being cheap in restaurants by ordering water for our meals and saving a few bucks by skipping the soda will most certainly be taken off guard by this predicament.

Here's the key to knowing if you're going to get ripped off. Use the knowledge well; it cost me enough to learn it. If the waiter asks if you would all like some water and then brings it out to you in fancy little wine goblets, that water isn't free. If this isn't hint enough, once your glass is almost empty, if he asks you if you would like another bottle instead of asking for a refill, you've been scammed.

3. English is not necessarily the native language anymore

This seems especially true in D.C. Oh sure, we all run into someone who hasn't quite mastered our rather complicated dialect but we can usually navigate through it. Well, imagine that every hotel worker, every driver, every restaurant employee and every shop clerk doesn't speak English.

Suddenly you become the foreigner. Now I don't blame these people. They're just trying to make a living, and what the government considers to be minimum wage isn't enough to put

food on the table every night. But the feeling is still overwhelming nonetheless. Use those foreign language courses well. Your instructors really aren't kidding when they tell you that you'll need those skills close to home.

4. Airport security is more like boot camp

I imagine this is true in many of the major cities but in D.C. it's worse. The key is to wear flip-flops so you don't have to take off your shoes and to never under any circumstances wear metal. This includes belts. If your pants are too big, too bad, hold them up.

I found myself lost in the confusion. It was one order after another: "Put your bag in the basket. No! Take your bag out of the basket. Don't touch your bag! Push it through the belt. Don't touch your bag! That bag needs to be in a basket. Walk through the scanner. What are you doing? Don't walk through the scanner yet! Take your bag. Don't touch your bag!"

Even though I learned many valuable as well as painful lessons in D.C., it was still a wonderful feeling when that plane touched down in Dayton. Ah, no angry security guards, free cups of water, and everyone spoke English!

I never thought I'd say it, but Dorothy really was right. There's no place like home.

A new editor, a new opportunity to be heard

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Hello Wright State University, how are you? I am doing great, because this piece begins my job as the new Opinions Editor at the Guardian.

For those of you who are new to our school, the Guardian is our distinguished school newspaper.

I have been here a long time, yet this newspaper has been around a lot longer and has a very colorful history.

In my numerous years at the university (which is way too many to count), I have seen the Guardian evolve into a first class newspaper.

One area of the paper that seems to be falling behind is the opinions section. I'm not saying fall behind in a negative way, because there have been some quality contributions to the opinions section in the past year; yet after the election, the opinions dwindled away and larger cartoons had to fill up the space.

I want to do my best to change that, and I need your assistance to do so.

See, you probably don't know me, and I most likely don't know you.

You might have taken a class with me, but I probably didn't say much.

You might have seen me wandering around campus just taking in the scenery when I should have been in that class, or somewhere else important. You might have seen me quite intoxicated at a bar or club being loud and obnoxious.

Or maybe it was at Tuty's Inn reciting my very own, horrible rendition of a nineties song that was bringing me to drunken tears.

You might have caught me in the weight room; I have made a few appearances here and there to work on my wonderful wavy physique.

I have been at Wright State for quite some time, so you most likely have seen me. Yet, I bet you still don't know me.

You see, I'm kind of quiet at times and that's why this paper is the best opportunity out there for me.

It gives me a chance for my voice to be heard. This opportunity is available for you as well. While you might not be the most talkative in class, I guarantee you have at least one or two opinions inside just waiting to bust out.

This is your chance...make your voice be heard!

I would love to get to know you and I have a feeling that the Wright State

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-Jimmy Walters

community would love to also. The topics for these two pages that I'm choosing are going to be your topics.

Seriously, I want to talk about what you want to talk about, even if it is about the second season of Desperate Housewives or the chances of Family Guy surviving another renewed season.

Speak your mind about the government or Wright State's curriculum; it's entirely your choice.

It's your paper, so it's pretty much up to you what you want to cover on these pages.

I won't be able to get every story in every time, but I do promise you that I will do my best. Thank you for taking the time to read this, and I'm looking forward to hearing from you

We should all sacrifice

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Living hell. Those two words probably best

describe the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. I cannot begin to imagine the conditions down south. I cannot picture what it is like to have nothing. I have no idea what it's like to know if my family was swept away in the storm. I do know that I need to do something.

"The folks on the Gulf Coast are going to need the help of this country for a long time," said President Bush. "This is going to be a difficult road."

I know that as college students we are all on tight budgets. We are always scrounging for an extra penny, but I'm asking that you donate in any way you can. Donate five dollars and settle for some home-cooked Raman noodles tonight instead of eating a super-sized meal from McDonald's. Or donate 12 dollars rather than buying that case of Natural Light this Friday.

"Right now, the days seem awfully dark for those affected," said Bush. "I think the folks in the affected areas are going to be overwhelmed when they realize how many Americans want to help them."

It's the things that we all take for granted that are just what the victims down south need most right now: clean water, food, dry clothes and warm blankets. They have no power, no phones, no roofs over their heads!

It's times such as these that make me realize just how lucky I am and that is why I feel it is my duty to help. I am asking you do the same as well.

You might not be able to make a huge difference on your own, but every little bit counts.

If we all sacrifice just a little bit, all of us working together can add up to a huge difference.

Gas prices begin to skyrocket

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Ok, here is some food for thought; the gas prices since last year have increased by a margin of around 33%. Which shows itself when we spend \$2.50, \$2.60, and \$2.70 at the pump.

The oil companies supplying us with this outrageously expensive gas are in no way hurting financially, due to circumstances such as the death of the king of Saudi Arabia, or hurricanes blowing through.

You see, what the oil companies are failing to mention is that they are making anywhere from 30-50% more profit than last year.

A coincidence? I think not. And to top it all off, our dear old President, George W. Bush keeps sup-

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plying these greedy oil companies with tax cuts. It kind of makes you wonder

whose side that dear old slime ball of a president is on?

It seems to me that it isn't our side. Oh, but do not worry; we may see gas prices drop in November, because that's when hurricane season ends.

Oh, but wait, shortly after that is when holiday season begins so we can forget about that.

I love our country's officials so much for actually being a representative of the people. Especially that dear old president whom half of you were stupid enough to vote for again.

I hope you all enjoy this lovely piece of information when you stop to fill up your gas tank.

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"I still travel a lot, but I'm more aware of my surroundings."

*-Mandy Abernathy
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Marketing*

"It's made me less afraid of going after things I want to do because life can change or end at any time."

*-Tess Evans,
Grad student
English Composition & Rhetoric*



"I'm an international student, and sometimes we are more judged in this country. But I think things are progressing slowly and it will get better."

*-Parvez Noorani
Junior
Computer Science & Political Science*

"It makes you appreciate life more. I'm an army brat, so life was bad for a while."

*-Sheridan Jones
Junior
Nursing*



"With 9/11, it really hasn't changed my life all that much. But I'll always remember."

*-Jonathan Callienne
Sophomore
Mass Communication*

"It's definitely made me think of the future and how it can be taken away in an instant...hold your family members close."

*-Christina Hatc,
Junior
Rehabilitation Services*



"Life, well, it's pretty much the same way, but the airports are the big thing. It's made me appreciate life more."

*-Travis Burnette
Sophomore
Electrical Engineering*



"It makes me look at people differently, not really in a bad way...makes me wonder if I'm going to be safe."

*-Terrence Dooley
Senior
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Former student finds inspiration with marine

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Her heart is now at home. Former WSU student Courtney Whitt can breathe easier now that her boyfriend of over a year has returned from the war in Iraq. Although the circumstances under which her Marine returned weren't ideal, Whitt is happy to report that Lance Cpl. Beau Links, also a WSU student, is making a fine recovery.

Originally published on May 25, The Guardian reported that Links was being transported back to the states following injuries sustained while clearing houses of insurgents near the Syrian border. He was shot several times and wounded by a grenade blast.

Here at home, Whitt experienced many emotions because she couldn't get to Links. "I felt hopeless because I couldn't see him. It was very frustrating...a very empty feeling," recalled Whitt.

Along with Links, his two team members were injured. Another team then came and moved them to a house that had already been cleared. Lance Cpl. James Crum, also Links' best



Lance Cpl. Beau Links returned home after sustaining injuries in Iraq

friend, tended to his wounds until rescue trucks could take them to safety.

"(Crum)'s got a big hug coming from me when he gets home," Whitt said. "It made me feel better knowing that those two were over there together. They're unstoppable," she added.

In the four months since the incident, Links has made an incredible

recovery. He's had multiple surgeries and his last one is Sept. 25 to put a plate and screws in his right arm. He also has physical therapy on weekdays at Wright Patt. In response to Whitt's support, Links was overwhelmed.

"It was unexpected. People don't do the things that she does. She was there when I opened my eyes in the hospital,

and she's been there ever since," he said. "She's incredibly patient and understanding. If things are difficult, I can talk to her. She doesn't always try to solve the problem; she's a good listener. She's a keeper," he added with a smile.

"He's very independent so I try to let him do things on his own until he needs me. But I'll do anything for him even if it's something small like going to get him lunch," said Whitt.

Both Links and Whitt stay involved with the Marine Corps by attending family days, e-mailing those that are still in Iraq, attending funerals of fallen Marines and staying in contact with others who are injured. The rest of Links' platoon is estimated to come home in mid October.

Whitt graduated WSU in June and is busy with a job search to put her psychology degree to use. Links is returning to WSU this quarter and is taking on a few classes.

When asked how their relationship has changed, Whitt was quick to answer. "We've learned things about each other that we wouldn't have learned for years. Despite all that has happened, I love where we are. He's my best friend," she said. "Beau is unlike any person I have ever met in my life; he's such an inspiration."

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Green Day reschedule concert for Oct. 13 at Nutter Center

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Wake me up when September ends, because when it does, thousands will be heading over to the Ervin J. Nutter Center on Monday, Oct. 13 at 7 p.m. to watch the rescheduled Green Day and Jimmy Eat World concert.

Originally scheduled for Aug. 14 at 7 p.m., many people waited for the doors to open. Eventually, officials told eager ticket holders that the concert was postponed but did not specify a reason.

"One of the band members was ill and had a doctor recommendation that he not play the show," said John Siehl, director of the Nutter Center. A refund policy will be announced for those who

can't make it to the rescheduled event.

Fans were upset but also understanding. "I don't like it, but if it means for the artist to heal and perform better then I can deal with the date being moved," said Chris Hoyng, a freshman majoring in business.

According to www.nuttercenter.com, all tickets for the Aug. 14 show will be honored on Oct. 17. If you have tickets, make sure you hang on to them.

If not, you still have a chance to buy them at the Nutter Center Box Office Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., or at www.ticketmaster.com for \$45.00 or \$37.50. Parking is free, and the doors open at 5:30 p.m. Get there early if you have floor seats because it's general admission



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Leaf through what annual fest has to offer

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Ever wanted to try on a sumo wrestler's loin cloth? Well, you'll get your chance to do so along with many other activities during this year's Fall Fest.

The University Activities Board (UAB) is ready to go with this annual event on Sept. 9 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Located on the lawn between Hamilton and University Halls, Fall Fest will have a lot to offer.

With over 80 clubs including Greek organizations, major-oriented organizations and language clubs, students won't have a hard time trying to find something that interests them.

Vendors including banks, apartments, local stores, restaurants and bookstores will also be handing out free information and coupons.

The exhibition will include games such as the aforementioned sumo wrestling as well as jousting. You can

also test your skills on the rockclimbing wall.

"Fall Fest helps get students and the

munity involved in jumpstarting the new year," said

Katie Perilman, Traditions Chair of UAB. "The main objectives of Fall Fest (are)

to show what the community has to offer and help new students get involved on campus," said Perilman. Vanessa Kemp, a freshman majoring in theatre studies, was very excited about participating in Fall Fest. "It shows new students what's out there in the community and at school," she said.

"It shows them that college is more than just going to class; it can be fun. It gets people interested in our community," Kemp added.

All students are encouraged to participate in this free event.

Besides games, vendors and organizations, other activities are planned.

Bands will be playing, and the campus radio station, WWSU, will also be doing a live broadcast.

Plus, who can resist the free food and drinks? Come on down and mingle with other WSU students and see what Fall Fest is all about.

New organization helps to save lives

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Being a hero isn't necessarily defined by super powers or cunning wit. With the help of a new student group, you can save lives by choosing to donate your organs and tissue.

"Students for Organ Donation is a student-run nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting organ and tissue donation awareness and registration," said Cathi Arends, Community Relations Manager at Life Connection of Ohio in Dayton.

"Working with the framework of high schools, community colleges and universities in the United States and Canada, they seek to empower students to make a difference in a growing international public health crisis: the shortage of vital organs and tissues," Arends added.

The new Wright State chapter is the second university in Ohio and one of approximately 40 colleges and universities to have a campus chapter.

Find out how you can be a hero by stopping by the group's table at Fall Fest, or Chapter President Jamie Buening can be reached by e-mail at wsu_organ_donation@yahoo.com. For more information on about the national group, check out the online Web site at www.studentdonor.org.

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New Potter not as magical as Hogwarts

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J.K. Rowling, author of the critically-acclaimed Harry Potter series, has broken out the cauldron again with "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince."

With this sixth installment of supernatural adventure, Rowling has not only been brewing up a storm in the fictional world of Hogwarts, but the planet Earth as well.

Fun for all ages

Readers of all ages waited in line to see what would happen to Harry and his friends, Ron and Hermione. The answer: not too much.

The new book, although very dark and violent at places, just doesn't seem to register on the same level as the other novels.

One thing's for sure, "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" unveils the same tradition seen in the other books: students are in danger, and Potter, the

school's hero, must end it with his band of followers and a string of good luck.

In the new Potter, the evil wizard Lord Voldemort is back to terrorizing all those around him, murdering innocent people and destroying everything in his path.

Harry and his headmaster, Albus Dumbledore, begin to gather knowledge of Voldemort's past and devise a plan to stop the madness. While war rages on, the students at Hogwarts continue with their not-so-regular magical lives.

It's got action

Action sequences are pretty high throughout the book with fights raging across 10-15 pages at a time.

Rowling seems to aim for a more mature audience but continues with writing children's books. This leaves for a lot of wasted humor, particularly within wizards dating witches.

Lots of puppy dog love

This book just seems aimed at the middle school crowd, trying to relate to

first experiences with mild crushes and puppy-dog love.

You'll love the ending

However, the ending of the book is probably the best out of the series. Tragedy strikes Hogwarts, and the characters come to life through mourning and heartbreak.

This sense of unity between the main characters will more than likely carry over into one final episode.

It's worth the read

Although it's not the greatest book in the series, "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" is worth the read, especially if you've kept up with Rowling's work this long.

This book, rumored to be the second to last one, has foreshadowed Potter's future very nicely and won't leave devoted fans too disappointed.

FINAL GRADE: B



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Opportunities for fun abound around town

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Aside from numerous clubs and Greek organizations on campus, there is also plenty to do and see off campus. Consider this your entertainment guide to what the WSU area has to offer.

If you're busy studying and you're craving waffles, drop by Waffle House for a 10% discount for WSU students every Tuesday night.

"We've had the program for about two years but just now moved the sign from the inside to the outside. We want to help Wright State students out because we know

times are tough right now with gas prices and all," explained Waffle House Manager Andres Gomez.

Local Spots

Stop by happy hour from 3-6 p.m. at El Rancho Grande across from campus. Another local night spot is the Gin

Mill when College Night is honored on Thursday.

If you're looking for somewhere to party with your friends then The Oregon District is for you. Located in downtown Dayton, The Oregon District offers an array of bars, clubs and fine dining.

Most of these bars offer their patrons

different specials every night. Elbo's is a popular hot spot with live bands and dancing on the weekends. While Sloopy's offers Ladies Night every Wednesday and Thursday starting at 9 p.m., bring your college I.D. on Wednesday nights and receive \$2.00 off cover charge.

Wednesday is College Night, Friday is Ladies Night and Saturday hosts The Ultimate Dance Party at Dayton's Hammerjax bar club. According to NiteOn-TheTown.com, Hammerjax comes equipped with "a huge dance floor, incredible lightshow and sound system

and pool tables and a comfortable lounge area downstairs."

Comedy

If you're in the mood for a laugh, head over to Wiley's Comedy Club. Use your college I.D. and get in free for any Thursday or Sunday show (except special shows). For upcoming events, be sure to visit wileyscomedyclub.com. Also keep Jokers Comedy Café in Centerville in mind.

For more information on Dayton's night life, check out NiteOnTheTown.com.



Student Discounts

Your Wright1 card is not only essential to carry around with you on campus, but it also comes in handy at a few establishments around town. Both Regal and Showcase Cinemas offer student discounts on movie tickets when shown a valid student I.D.

When hunger strikes, head over to Wendy's across campus and receive a 10% discount with your Wright1 card.

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Sports

Lady Raiders go 3 - 1 in opening games

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The Raiders wrapped up the week on Sunday with a game against Northern Kentucky which they won with a late goal by Nigro.

In the first half, both teams played great defense as Wright State got five shots off and the Hilltoppers got off four. But the second half was a different story as the Raiders shot seven times off five corner shots, including Nigro's goal in the 69th minute.

The Lady Raider's are now 3-1 and their next game is at home on Sunday September 11 at 1:00 against Ball State.

Earlier in the week on Friday the women recorded their second road win of the season, this time against Northern Illinois, whom they defeated 3-2.

With only eight minutes left in the first half senior Kim Chianese scored the only goal of the half to make it a 1-0 game.

The goal was the 29th of her career tying her third on the all time goals list with Sharon Roscoe.

In the second half the Raiders came out strong as senior Kelly Kammer scored a goal on a heads up play to make it 2-0.

Northern Illinois fought back. In the next six minutes the Huskies tied the score 2-2. It looked as the NIU would take the momentum to victory but Jodie Shoaf had something to say about that.

With pressure on the Huskie defense, Katie Comisar took the corner kick, kicking it high into the air. After a scramble in the box, Shoaf knocked it in to seal the victory 3-2. It was Shoaf 2nd game winning kick of the season, fifth of her career.

But even before Friday the women's soccer team has reason to celebrate

when they defeated Bowling Green 4-0 on Sunday, giving coach Pat Ferguson his first victory. Wright State dominated the first part of the game as they took 10 of their 12 shots in the first half.

In the 17th minute Megan Mattioda made the Raiders first goal of the season, which was followed quickly by a Jodie Shoaf goal.

Then, with the clock winding down senior Michelle Sarmeiento knocked in another to make it 3-0 at the half.

Things picked up where they left off in the second half. Just 20 seconds into the 2nd half, senior Kim Chianese put a kick past the BGSU goalkeeper to make the score 4-0.

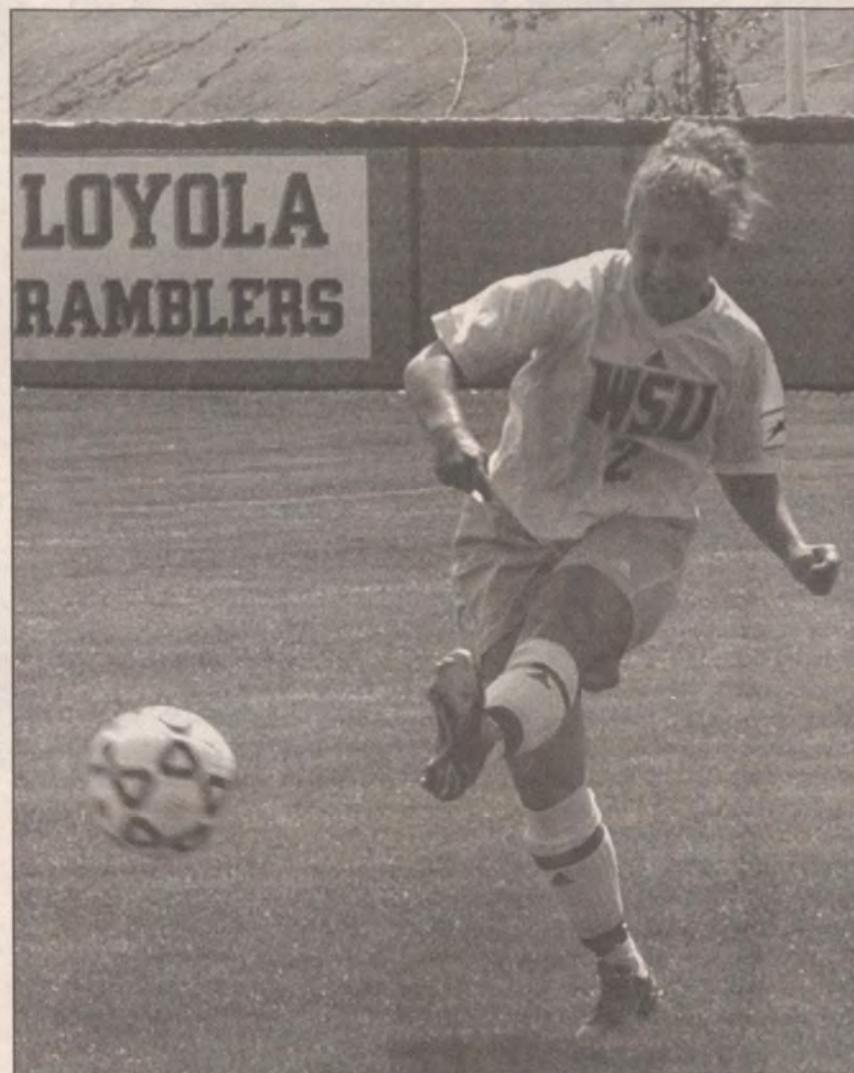
Goalie Steph Comisar made only one save in the game, posting her first shut out this year.

However, the team's first game did not have the outcome that the lady Raiders had hoped for at their opening game at Alumni Field on Friday August 26. After playing hard for 90 minutes, the lady raiders fell to Ohio University 1-0 despite out-shooting the Bobcats 11-9.

It looked as Wright State had the scoring advantage in the first half taking 6 shots on goal, including one that went in. But a penalty was called and the goal was waved off.

The Raiders would never reach the back of the net again. Just a few minutes after the questionable call Ohio University's Sarah Merrit stole the ball at midfield and put a 15-yard chip shot past Steph Comisar for the only goal of the game.

There was no luck in the second half. Three shots were attempted by Chianese while Shoaf and junior Rose Negro each took two, but none of them were able to turn into Raider points.



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Carlin Lucente, a junior, passes the ball to her teammate during their game against Western Kentucky at home. The Lady Raiders won the game 1-0.

Men ranked fifth in soccer standings

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The men's soccer team was ranked fifth out of the eight Horizon League teams in the preseason polls, but that doesn't bother head soccer coach Mike Tracy.

"I'm very excited for this season. The conference is solid all-around. There won't be any blow-outs." Coach Tracy said.

The season won't be an easy one for the green and gold, especially with opponents like Cincinnati, and Akron both of which defeated two top ten teams in the nation in the preseason. And in their season opener Cincinnati showed the Raiders why they won their tough games as they defeated Wright State 2-1.

The Raiders took a 1-0 lead late in the first half as Jake Slemker scored

the team's first goal of the season. Wright State was able to hold that lead until the final ten minutes of the game. At that point the Raider's defense

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crumbled as the Bobcats scored a pair of goals to give them the victory.

The Men also had a game on Sunday at West Virginia, but the results could not be obtained for publication. The raider's next game is at home on Friday against Bowling Green at 7:00.

UPCOMING SOCCER GAMES

Men's Soccer

- 6 Tuesday at West Virginia at 7 pm
- 9 Friday host Bowling Green at 7 pm
- 12 Sunday host Akron at 3 pm

Women's Soccer

- 12 Sunday host Ball State at 1 pm

Swim Coach Sion Brinn has big shoes to fill



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With new head coach Sion Brinn at the helm, the number one priority is to continue the success Wright State's swimming program has experienced in the past. After a men's Conference Championship, and the women taking the runner's up trophy, Brinn has some mighty big shoes to fill as his first season as head coach. But competing against others isn't the main thing on Brinn's mind right now.

"I don't want my athletes to settle for average," Brinn said. "I want them to compete against themselves not just their opponents."

Brinn has a well-rounded resume that includes a very decorative career on it. Born in Kingston, Jamaica, Sion was born to swim. His father was a water person and so it was just natural Sion would be one too.

From Jamaica he traveled to America competing for Indian River Junior College in Florida becoming the junior

college champion in the 50, 100 and 200 freestyle. He then transferred to LSU earning All-American in 1994 and 1995.

Swimming did not stop after college. Sion became an Olympian. Representing his country of Jamaica, Sion placed 12th in the 100m freestyle in Atlanta. He again proved how good he was with a second trip to the Olympics in Sydney. This time representing Great Britain, he finished 8th in medley relay and 9th in the 400 free relay.

Even with all his knowledge and all the talent at Wright State Brinn still has a lot of hard work in front of him if he wants the same success as last season. On the women's side lost four swimmers from last year but have a very successful sophomore class with Jessica Weidert, Catalina Martinez, and Brittany Czoch leading the way. There is no doubt that the women will once again be on top.

But unlike the women, the men lost a lot of pivotal swimmers from last season and they too are looking for help from their sophomore class. Scott Lang and Aaron Eckstein are among the top guns in the sophomore class. The men are also adding Casey Heinvaugh to the roster who was the Ohio State champion in the 50-meter freestyle. But Coach Brinn hates singling out swimmers because he feels all swimmers contribute to the success. This year he doesn't want to change their hard work just their attitudes. He does not want them to settle for average but challenge themselves instead. The Raiders open their season with a meet in Chicago versus league opponent UIC in October.

Past troubles the least of Biancardi's worries

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A real disturbance has come to the Wright State basketball team spurring from the Ohio State recruiting infractions that ended up cost former Buckeyes coach Jim O'Brien his job. During the time of the illegal activity Wright State's head basketball coach Paul Biancardi was the assistant coach at OSU. Although Biancardi has yet to be charged with anything there is a court date set in December in which the two coaches are accused of six other recruitment violations.

If the court hearings in December do not go the way Biancardi wants them to go, as in the court finding him guilty, it is most probable that Biancardi will be terminated as the head basketball coach. This would be a huge blow to the basketball program. Not only would

the Raiders lose their coach during a pivotal point of the season, they would also lose the man that led them to their first non-losing season since the mid 1990's.

But until that time comes Biancardi is focused on his team and they schedule that they are facing this upcoming season. Just as last season he is looking to shake things up in the Horizon League and is still looking to give Wright State their first winning season in quite some time. The past two seasons he has come close with a pair of .500 season, but has yet to reach the winning mark.

To add to the difficulty the team just lost Zakee Boyd, key player from last year's team. But still must feel confident because all he could say about the basketball year was, "It's going to be an exciting season." At this point that almost seems like an understatement.



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Volleyball off to a slow start in early tourneys



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Wright State practices before heading off to the Wyndham/Georgia State Invitational

■ Raiders get first win of the season but lose rest of their games so far

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The Raiders' Volleyball squad, picked to finish seventh out of eight teams in the Horizon League poll, opened their season by traveling to Muncie, IN on August 27 for the Active Ankle/ Nike Weekend only to suffer two losses, one to the SMU Mustangs and the other to the Cardinals of Ball State.

After barely stealing the win, 30-28, in the first game, the Mustangs managed to control and defeat our Raiders in the following two games with scores of 30-21 and 30-13.

In the final match, SMU recorded 51 kills, while WSU completed only 29 kills. Outside hitter Alisha Kimbro owned eight of the 29, while sophomore middle blocker Tara Geegan recorded six.

The Cardinals, the preseason favorite to win the Mid-American Conference's West Division, proved even more difficult as they took the win with scores of 30-20, 30-21, and 30-10.

The squad's new captain, junior outside hitter Sarah Poling who led the team with 373 kills in 2004, sat out with back spasms.

The third game of the season took place Sept. 2 in the opening match of

the Wyndham/Georgia State Invitational.

It proved to be yet another loss for the girls as the Jacksonville State Gamecocks, who finished 21-9 last year and were picked to finish second in this year's Ohio Valley Conference Tournament, controlled the match with winning scores of 30-18, 30-17, and 30-18.

The Gamecocks recorded 52 kills and hit .411 while our Raiders hit .010 and collected 28 kills.

Geegan, leading the team with eight kills, had yet another good game, as did Poling and Kimbro, who each earned 6 kills.

The following day proved to be more productive for the Raiders as they captured their first win in a four-game decision against the Georgia State Panthers with scores of 30-23, 30-21, 28-30, and 30-28.

Captain Sarah Poling once again led the Raiders with 13 kills and a career-high of 27 digs. Junior outside hitter Jenny Schultz (Mora, MN) also had a great couple of matches, recording 11 kills and five blocks while Geegan earned 10 kills.

Sophomore setter Lindsay Frank's performance was also noteworthy as she chipped in 42 assists.

Victory was short and sweet for the Raiders, as they later fell to the future tournament champions, the LSU Tigers, in a four game decision with scores of 30-21, 27-30, 30-20, and 30-25. Despite the loss, Poling, who was named to the all-tournament team, Kimbro, and Schultz all recorded 10 or more kills while Frank crunched 41 assists.

"LSU is a great team," commented Senior Setter Nicole Scheltema. "The fact that we stayed with them only raises our expectations for what our team can become."

Five games into the season, the Raiders' new head coach as of April 21, Trina Smith, and new assistant coach Josh Steinbach own a record of 1-4 but remain hopeful.

Smith, who is the 5th coach in program history, was the assistant coach for the South Carolina Gamecocks for eight years and also spent 3 seasons as assistant coach for St. Mary's College in Moraga, California.

Smith graduated from the University of Arizona in 1994, and is a native of Mayhoo, Illinois who lettered in basketball and volleyball for Proviso East High School.

Steinbach joins the Raiders after a two-year stint with the previously nationally-ranked Cincinnati Bearcats.

He also spent two years with nationally-ranked Penn State, and six years prior to that in California coaching at college, high school, and club levels.

The Raiders will next meet Eastern Illinois and play the host Wildcats at 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10 in the Kentucky Wildcats gymnasium.



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Injuries put damper on cross country



Junior Mitch Meinering finish fourth for Wright State in Saturdays meet

■ Mens' and Womens' team not at 100% with many runners out for now

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Injuries and low numbers are the two biggest problems the Men's and Women's cross country teams face this upcoming season.

"The obstacle is keeping them injury free," said Head Coach Bob Schul, who has been the cross-country coach since 1999. "There's no replacements for anyone."

This fact was quite apparent on Saturday when they team ran it's first meet of the season in Dayton.

Even though two of the men's runners were not at 100%, Schul had no choice but to run the six men so the team could score points.

The men scored 166 points in the meet and came in sixth place.

Coming in first overall for the Raiders was Josh Burke in a time of 16:34 followed by Cory Baxter 16:43. After them came Joel Hidalgo in 17:14, coming at 17:26 was Mitch Meinering, and Juan Zamora finished out the top five in a time of 18:29, but Schul thinks that order could change throughout the season.

"It's hard to say who will be the top five. They will intermix it a lot."

On the women's side Junior Marie McVetta is coming off her best season ever.

After setting new personal records nearly every time she stepped on the course last year it is easy to see why McVetta is looked at as the leader of the team.

But Schul is looking at other women on the team to be just as important.

"(Megan) Feasel and (Christina) Hill have really improved," Schul said. "They have both worked hard and listened to me. Tracy Rosner will also be up there too."

And those girls did exactly that on Saturday. After McVetta was forced to drop out early those three girls stepped it up and were the first three runners in for the Raiders.

Feasel had a time of 19:52, Hill finished in 20:15 while Rosner had a 20:29. Rounding out the top five were Stephanie Sepan with a time of 20:42 and Susan Hill in 20:47.

The women place fifth in the meet with 133 points.

So even with all the hardship that is in front of his athletes Schul is still optimistic about the 2005 season.

But it isn't just the fact that everyone is showing up to practice that has Schul pleased.

"They've worked hard and are in good shape. But I'm most pleased with their attitudes."

"The girls' and the boys' (teams) are going to do quite well... We're as good as we're going to get," Coach Schul commented before Saturday's race.

The Running Raiders will compete in their next 5k run on Saturday, Sept. 10 at the Miami Invitational.

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UW-Milwaukee	0-0-0	1-1-1	Loyola	0-0-0	1-1-0
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